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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEP'T OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF
JUAN CARLOS FISCHBERG, M.D.,
REVOCATION OF LICENSE No. 25MA048649
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners by the Attorney General of New Jersey, by Joan D. Gelber, Deputy Attorney General, regarding resolution of an investigation into the professional conduct of Juan Carlos Fischberg, M.D. Pursuant to the terms of an Interim Order entered January 15, 2004, copy attached, Dr. Fischberg was prohibited from engaging in any form of practice of medicine or surgery for a New Jersey patient. Dr. Fischberg represents that he did not thereafter engage in such practice.

Dr. Fischberg, a Diplomate of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, maintained a medical practice under the corporate name "Hudson Rehabilitation Medical Center, Inc." since in or about 1992, at 321 60th St., West New York, NJ 07093, and other entities including "Pain Center of New Jersey" and "Pain Relief Center." His practice included electrodiagnostic testing and physiatric treatment of patients claiming injury in motor vehicle accidents ("PIP" claims) and patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Dr. Fischberg is represented by the law firm of Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C., Bridgewater, New Jersey. Respondent's current address of record shall be on file with the Board of Medical Examiners.

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On or about October 11, 2006, Dr. Fischberg was the subject of State Grand Jury Indictment SGJ 528-06-14, Superior Court Docket #06-10-00115-S charging, in pertinent part, health care claims fraud. On or about May 21, 2007, Dr. Fischberg entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the aforementioned Indictment, Health Care Claims Fraud, second degree. in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, copy annexed. Pursuant to the terms of a plea agreement entered into by Dr. Fischberg and the Division of Criminal Justice, and accepted by the Court, Dr. Fischberg agreed to a permanent revocation of his professional medical license, assessment of penalties, costs and restitution, all as reflected in the final Order of Judgment of Conviction, to be attached hereto.

Dr. Fischberg, having had the opportunity to confer with his attorney, and desirous of resolving this matter amicably in lieu of the imminently anticipated litigation, acknowledges that he billed for electrodiagnostic services, including nerve conduction velocity tests, that had not been completed, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e) and (f). In accordance with the aforementioned plea agreement, he agrees to the permanent surrender of his medical license, to be deemed a revocation.

The Board having considered the totality of the circumstances, and having determined to waive assessment of monetary penalty to the Board and, in light of Dr. Fischberg's resolution of SGJ 528-06-14 in accordance with the terms of the aforementioned plea agreement, having determined to refrain from assessing other penalties and remedies as otherwise authorized by N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 and 45:1-25, and for good cause shown,

IT IS, ON THIS LAT OF May of May 2007 ORDERED:

- 1. The voluntary surrender by Juan Carlos Fischberg, M.D. of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby accepted, and deemed a revocation with prejudice to any future petition for reinstatement.
- 2. Dr. Fischberg shall promptly return his original engrossed license, current biennial registration, and State Controlled Drug Registrations to the Board offices at P.O. Box 183, 140 E. Front St., Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183, within 10 days of the entry of this Order.

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- 3. Ur. Fischberg shall immediately notify the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of this Order.
- 4 Dr Fischberg shall comply with the attached "Directives Applicable to Any Medical Board Licensee Who is Disciplined or Whose Surrender of Licensure Has Been Accepted," which is incorporated by reference herein
- 5 This Order is intended to resolve all administrative and license issues arising with Dr. Fischberg, which could have been alleged as violations by the Attorney General in administrative disciplinary proceedings with regard to Dr. Fischberg's responsibilities to the New Jersey State. Board of Medical Examiners. The entry of this Order shall not limit the authority of the Attorney General or of any other person or agency, to initiate any other action permitted by law, whether administrative, civil or criminal, in any court of competent jurisdiction or other forcits.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: Sindy Paul, M.D.

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Juan Caros Fischberg, M.D.

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A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings.

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A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the Order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Secretary of State, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

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NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct: (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license; (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation; (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis. Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy. Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy. On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board. From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

State Grand Jury

Number <u>SGJ528-06-14</u>

Superior Court 06-10-00115-S

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

v.) INDICTMENT

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JUAN CARLOS FISCHBERG

and

GEZEL VILLANUEVA

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Health Care Claims Fraud - Second degree)

JUAN CARLOS FISCHBERG

who was a practitioner, licensed to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey, between on or about January 1, 1998, and on or about August 26, 2003, at the Township of Pluckemin, in the County of Morris, at the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, at the Township of West New York, in the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, doing business as Hudson Rehabilitation Medical Center, P.A., knowingly did commit Health Care Claims Fraud in the course of providing professional services, in that the said JUAN CARLOS FISCHBERG did knowingly make, or cause to be made, false, fictitious, fraudulent or misleading statements

of material fact in, or knowingly did omit material facts from, or knowingly did cause material facts to be omitted from, any records, bills, claims or other document, in writing, electronically or in any other form that a person attempted to submit, submitted, caused to be submitted or attempted to cause to be submitted to insurance carriers, to include AAA Insurance Company, AAA-Midlantic Insurance Company, Allstate Insurance Company, CNA Insurance Company, Chubb Insurance Company, First Trenton Insurance Company, Keystone Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, NJM Insurance Company, Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, One Beacon Insurance Company, Peerless Insurance Company, Progressive Insurance Company, Prudential Insurance Company, Robert Plan Insurance Company, Sentry Insurance Company, and State Farm Insurance Company, for payment or reimbursement for health care services, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

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IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO THE MEDICAL PRACTICE OF JUAN CARLOS FISCHBERG, M.D. IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
INTERIM ORDER AND AGREEMENT

This matter was opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners by Peter C. Harvey, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Joan D. Gelber, Deputy Attorney General, regarding an inquiry into the medical practice of Juan Carlos Fischberg, M.D., who currently holds license no. MA8649 in this State and has maintained medical offices under the corporate name "Hudson Rehabilitation Medical Center, Inc." at 321 60th St., West New York, NJ 07093. His practice has included electrodiagnostic testing and physiatric treatment of patients claiming injury in motor vehicle accidents ("PIP" claims) and patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Dr. Fischberg is represented by Steven I. Kern, Esq.

Dr. Fischberg has been made aware that the Attorney General is prepared to file an Administrative Complaint against him seeking emergent temporary restraints, alleging an extended pattern of conduct involving physical examinations of patients; performance or reporting performance of electrodiagnostic testing; preparation of testing reports containing data, diagnoses, and interpretations of said testing and billing therefor, which the Attorney General expects to allege was grossly negligent and/or fraudulent, in violation of numerous laws and regulations implemented by the Board, including N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (c), (d), (e) and (h), and N.J.S.A. 45:9-6, and N.J.A.C. 13:35-2.5 (now recodified as -2.6), and 13:35-6.5.

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Dr. Fischberg, having had the opportunity to confer with his attorney, and making no admissions of any wrongful conduct, but desirous of avoiding the imminently anticipated litigation, has offered to refrain from any form of medical practice in this State at any location and in any form of media, unless he has first given two weeks' notice to the Board and to the Attorney General, or until further Order of the Board.

The Board has considered this matter, and is satisfied that the public interest and welfare can be adequately protected in the circumstances at this time by the entry of such agreement and by this Order precluding Dr. Fischberg from engaging in any form of medical practice until the scheduling of further proceedings on this matter on notice to all parties. For good cause shown,

IT IS, ON THIS 15: DAY OF January 2004 ORDERED:

- 1. The Board hereby accepts the representation by Dr. Fischberg, as set forth in this Agreement and Order, that he shall refrain from engaging in the practice of medicine and surgery in any form in the State of New Jersey, and so confirms by this Order, on the conditions below.
- 2. Juan Carlos Fischberg, M.D. shall refrain from engaging in, and is hereby prohibited from engaging in, any practice of medicine or surgery until such time as he has given two weeks advance notice to the Board and to the Attorney General, or until further Order of the Board.. "Practice", for the purpose of this Order, means any form of diagnosing, treating, operating or prescribing for any human ailment, disease, pain, injury, deformity, mental or physical condition of a New Jersey patient, whether such conduct takes place within or outside of the geographic borders of the State and includes practice in any medium of communication.
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 - 5. The provisions of the Notice attached hereto are incorporated in this Order.

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Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis. Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy. Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy. On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board. From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.